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This is a request for filing a Continuation application under 37 CFR 1.60(b), of pending prior application Serial No. 09/425,714 filed on October 22, 1999, now Allowed, which is a Divisional Application of 08/350,297 filed December 6, 1994, now issued as Patent No. 6,044,644 of Hu, et al. for CLOSE COUPLED CATALYST.

 X I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of what is shown in my records to be the above identified prior application, including the oath or declaration originally filed.

 X The copy of the papers of prior application as filed which is attached are as follows:

 29 pages of specification

 6 pages of claims

 1 pages of abstract

 2 pages of drawings

 4 pages of declaration and power of attorney.

I hereby certify that this 37 CFR 1.60 request and the documents referred to as attached therein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service on May 4, 2001 in an envelope as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10, Mailing Label Number EL108348240US addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Box Patent Application, Washington, DC 20231.

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2. AMENDMENTS

Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.

A _____ is enclosed.

3. Fee Calculation (37 CFR 1.16)Claims After Above Amendment

	Claims Filed	Extra	Rate	Basic Fee
				\$710.00
Total Claims	27 - 20	7	x \$18.00	126.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3	0	x \$80.00	0
Multiple Dependent Claims (if any, one fee for all)			270.00	0
		Total		\$836.00

4. DRAWINGS

2 Pages of formal drawings are enclosed.

5. RELATE BACK

X Amend the specification by inserting in the first line:

"This application is a Continuation of copending application Serial Number 09/425,714 filed October 22, 1999, which is a Divisional of application Serial Number 08/350,297 filed December 6, 1994."

6. ASSIGNMENT

X The prior application is assigned to ENGELHARD CORPORATION, and Assignment was recorded in the USPTO on December 22, 1994 under Reel/Frame 7254/0230.

7. FEE PAYMENT BEING MADE AT THIS TIME

X Basic Filing Fee \$836.00.
X Please charge Account No. 05-1070 in the amount of \$836.00.
X A duplicate of this request is attached.

8. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge additional fees which may be required by this paper and during the entire pendency of the application to Account No. 05-1070.

9. POWER OF ATTORNEY

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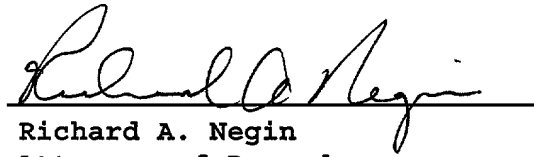
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I hereby declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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